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DEAR FRIENDS:- I NEVER KNEW THERE WERE SO MANY LETTERS IN THE WORLD- BIG LETTERS, LITTLE LETTERS, LONG LETTERS AND SHORT LETTERS ARE POURING IN BY THOUSANDS AND THEY ARE ALL SO NICE AND FRIENDLY I DON'T KNOW HOW I AM EVER GOING TO DECIDE WHICH THREE ARE THE BEST- BUT I WILL READ AND READ TILL I HAVE FINISHED THEM ALL- AND THEN I'LL PICK THE LUCKY ONES- THANKS TO ALL MY GOOD LITTLE FRIENDS-

CHESTER GUMP



THE CAPTAIN PREDICTS A RECORD BREAKING VOYAGE HOME-



THIS SHIP IS ALMOST AS FAST AS THE MAGIC CARPET I READ ABOUT IN THE BOOK OF FAIRY TALES-

I'LL BET PAPA AND MAMA WILL BE SURPRISED TO SEE US DROP DOWN OUT OF THE CLOUDS IN OUR FRONT YARD-



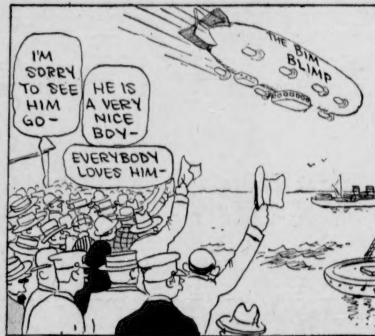
I SENT A RADIOGRAM TELLING THEM JUST WHEN TO EXPECT US-

OH BOY- WE ARE UP HIGHER THAN THE OLD COW THAT JUMPED OVER THE MOON- THE WHOLE COUNTRY DOWN THERE LOOKS SMALLER THAN OUR BACK YARD-



I'M SORRY TO SEE HIM GO-

HE IS A VERY NICE BOY- EVERYBODY LOVES HIM-



DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD TO KNOW WE ARE GETTING NEARER HOME EVERY SECOND?

I GUESS I AM THE LUCKIEST BOY ON THE EARTH OR IN THE AIR OR ANY PLACE ELSE- I'LL BE SO GLAD WHEN I SEE MY DEAR PAPA AND MAMA AGAIN-



THIS SIGNALS TO THE ENGINE ROOM- JUST TURN THE HANDLE AND THE SHIP WILL OBEY-

OH BOY- I'LL ORDER FULL SPEED AHEAD AND THEN WE'LL BE HOME IN TIME FOR DINNER- I HOPE MAMA MAKES A PIE-



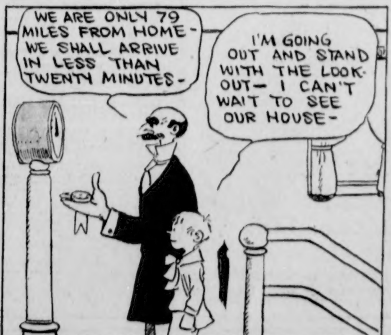
GOOD MORNING, CHESTER- I HOPE YOU SLEPT WELL LAST NIGHT WHILE WE WERE RACING THROUGH THE CLOUDS-

ALL NIGHT LONG I DREAMED OF HOME- I WAS PLANNING WITH ALL THE KIDS AND MY DADDY WAS TELLING US FUNNY JOKES TO MAKE US LAUGH-



WE ARE ONLY 79 MILES FROM HOME- WE SHALL ARRIVE IN LESS THAN TWENTY MINUTES-

I'M GOING OUT WITH THE LOOK-OUT- I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE OUR HOUSE-



WE WILL LAND IN THE FRONT YARD-

THERE'S OUR STREET- I CAN SEE JONES' CANDY STORE- AND THERE'S OUR HOUSE- GEE, IT LOOKS LITTLE- HURRAH! I CAN SEE MY PAPA-



OH MIN! HERE THEY COME- I CAN SEE LITTLE CHESTER-

THERE'S MY BABY-



OH MAMA- MISSED YOU EVERY MINUTE I WAS IN AUSTRALIA- GEE BUT I'M GLAD TO BE BACK-

OH YOU LITTLE BAWLING MY CHESTER HOME WITH US AGAIN-

OH YOU OLD FOX- DROPPING IN ON US LIKE AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN- JUST TRY TO GET AWAY FROM US AGAIN- REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR HOME FROM NOW ON-

WELL, YOU WON'T HAVE TO HANDCUFF ME TO KEEP ME IN YOUR HAPPY LITTLE HOME- JUST LET ME BE ONE OF THE FAMILY FOR A WHILE AND I'LL BE AS CONTENTED AS A CAT IN A DAIRY-



